Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

	ssued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.												
Loca	I Unit	of Gov	ernment Type				Local Unit Na	me		County			
	Count	•	□City	□Twp	□Village	Other							
Fisca	al Yea	r End			Opinion Date			Date Audit Report	Submitted to State				
We a	ffirm	that	:		•								
We a	re ce	ertifie	d public ac	countants	s licensed to pra	actice in I	Michigan.						
We f	urthe	r affi	rm the follo	wing mat	erial, "no" respo	nses hav	e been discl	osed in the financial	statements, inclu	uding the notes, or in the			
Mana	agem	nent l	_etter (repo	rt of comi	ments and reco	mmenda	tions).						
	YES	9	Check ea	Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.)									
1.			All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.										
2.								unit's unreserved fu budget for expendit		estricted net assets			
3.			The local	unit is in o	compliance with	the Unif	orm Chart of	Accounts issued by	the Department	of Treasury.			
4.			The local	unit has a	idopted a budge	et for all r	equired fund	S.					
5.			A public h	earing on	the budget was	s held in	accordance v	vith State statute.					
6.					ot violated the ssued by the Lo				nder the Emerger	ncy Municipal Loan Act, or			
7.			The local	unit has n	ot been delinqu	uent in dis	stributing tax	revenues that were	collected for ano	ther taxing unit.			
8.			The local	unit only l	nolds deposits/i	nvestmer	nts that comp	ly with statutory req	uirements.				
9.								s that came to our a sed (see Appendix H		ed in the <i>Bulletin for</i>			
10.			that have	not been	previously com	municate	d to the Loca		Division (LAFD)	during the course of our audit . If there is such activity that has			
11.			The local	unit is fre	e of repeated co	omments	from previou	s years.					
12.			The audit	opinion is	UNQUALIFIE	Э.							
13.					complied with G		or GASB 34 a	s modified by MCG	AA Statement #7	and other generally			
14.			The board	l or counc	il approves all i	invoices p	orior to payme	ent as required by cl	harter or statute.				
15.			To our kno	owledge,	bank reconcilia	tions that	were review	ed were performed t	timely.				
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We	have	e end	closed the	following	g:	Enclosed	d Not Requir	ed (enter a brief justific	cation)				
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The	lette	er of	Comments	and Reco	ommendations								
Oth	er (D	escrib	e)										
Certi	fied P	ublic A	Accountant (Fir	m Name)				Telephone Number					
Stree	et Add	ress						City	State	Zip			
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MEADE TOWNSHIP

Mason County, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Township Board Meade Township, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Meade Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Meade Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Meade Township, Michigan, as of March 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison schedule is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Meade Township's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying financial statements do not present a management's discussion and analysis, which would be an analysis of the financial performance for the year. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined that this analysis is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Berthiaume & Co.

June 19, 2006



STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2006

Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 178,491
Receivables	3,860
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	25,445
Depreciable capital assets, net	 2,664
Total assets	 210,460
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	 787
Total liabilities	 787
Net assets:	
Invested in capital assets	28,109
Unrestricted	 181,564
Total net assets	\$ 209,673

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

		Program Revenues							
	Expenses	Charges fo Services	Operating r Grants an Contributi	nd (Expense)					
Functions/Programs									
General government	\$ 31,037	\$ -	\$ 1,	.667 \$ (29,370)					
Public safety	1,308	-		- (1,308)					
Public works	96,388	-	3,	(93,377)					
Total governmental activities	128,733		4,	.678 (124,055)					
	General revenues:								
	Taxes								
		exes, levied for ontributions no	general purpos of restricted to	se 32,484					
	specific pro			10,800					
		investment ear	rnings	5,764					
	Miscellaneou	18		1,920					
	Total general revenues Change in net assets								
	Net assets, beginning of year								
	Net assets, end	of year		\$ 209,653					

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2006

	General Fund
Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 178,491
Taxes receivable	2,063
Due from other governmental units	1,797
Total assets	<u>\$ 182,351</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance:	
Liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 787
Accounts payable	ψ /8/
Total liabilities	787
Fund balance:	
Unreserved:	
General fund	<u>181,564</u>
Total fund balance	181,564
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 182,351</u>

RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

March 31, 2006

Total fund balance for	governmental funds
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\$ 181,564

Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of of net assets is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Governmental capital assets 33,619
Less accumulated depreciation (5,510) 28,109

Net assets of governmental activities

\$ 209,673

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

	General <u>Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Property taxes	\$ 32,484
State grants	14,976
Contributions from other units	502
Interest and rents	5,764
Other revenue	1,920
Total revenues	55,646
Expenditures:	
Current	
General government	28,493
Public safety	1,272
Public works	96,388
Other	2,278
Capital outlay	27,592
Total expenditures	156,023
Net change in fund balance	(100,377)
Fund balance, beginning of year	281,941
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 181,564

RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended March 31, 2006

Net change in fund balance -	total	governmental	funds
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\$ (100,377)

Total change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay27,592Less depreciation expense(302)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

(73,087)

27,290



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Meade Township conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity:

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Township. In evaluating the Township as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units (traditionally separate reporting entities) for which the Township may be financially accountable and, as such, should be included within the Township's financial statements. The Township (the primary government) has no component units and accordingly, the Township has not consolidated any entities into its financial statements.

Joint Venture:

The Township participates as a member of the Mason County Rural Fire Authority.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation:

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. These statements distinguish between activities that are governmental and those that are business-type activities. There are no business-type activities.

The statement of net assets presents governmental activities on a consolidated basis, using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. This method recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Township's net assets are reported in two parts (1) invested in capital assets and (2) unrestricted net assts. The Township first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

March 31, 2006

The statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Township's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state sources and federal sources, interest income, etc.). The Township does not allocate indirect costs. In creating the government-wide financial statements the Township has eliminated interfund transactions.

The government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the Township as an entity and the change in the Township's net assets resulting from current year activities.

Fund Financial Statements:

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Fiduciary funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The Fiduciary funds are accounted for on a spending or economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the primary operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources, except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do no conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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Assets, Liabilities and Equity:

<u>Deposits and Investments</u> – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit and short term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments, if any, are stated at fair value.

<u>Capital Assets</u> – Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Township defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost in excess of \$500. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Public domain (infrastructure) assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks and other assets that are immovable and of value only to the government) are capitalized if acquired after April 1, 2004. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and improvements 20-50 years Furniture and equipment 5-10 years

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – The Township does not allow the carryover of unused sick or vacation days. Therefore, no liability has been recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

<u>Long-term Obligations</u> – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets.

<u>Fund Equity</u> – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Eliminations and Reclassifications:

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net assets and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

Property Taxes:

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on or before February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The 2005 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$10,361,399 on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 2.5721 mills for the Township's operating purposes.

March 31, 2006

NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The Township Clerk submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to April 1, the budget is legally enacted by adoption of the Township Board.
- 4. Any revision that alters the total expenditures must be approved by the Township.
- 5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- 6. Governmental fund budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A comparison of actual results of operations to the General Fund budget as originally adopted and amended by the Township Board is included in the required supplemental information.
- 7. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds:

During the year, the Township did not incur expenditures that were materially in excess of the amounts budgeted.

NOTE 3: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency of instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits:

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned. The Township does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year-end, the Township had \$178,906 of bank deposits (certificates of deposit, checking, and savings accounts), of which \$136,463 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was uninsured and uncollateralized. The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits, and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all deposits. At year end, the Township had no investments.

March 31, 2006

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2006 was as follows:

	April 1, 2005		Additions		Retirements		M	arch 31, 2006
Governmental activities:								
Nondepreciable capital assets:								
Land	\$	20	\$	25,425	\$	-	\$	25,445
Depreciable capital assets:								
Buildings and improvements		950		-		-		950
Furniture and equipment		5,057		2,167				7,224
Total depreciable capital assets		6,007		2,167		-		8,174
Accumulated depreciation		(5,208)		(302)				(5,510)
Depreciable capital assets, net		799		1,865				2,664
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$</u>	819	\$	27,290	\$	_	\$	28,109

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 266
Public safety	 36
Total governmental activities	\$ 302

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Township had no long-term liabilities at March 31, 2006.

March 31, 2006

NOTE 6: DISAGGREGATED RECEIVABLE BALANCES

Receivables as of year end for the Township's governmental activities in the aggregate are as follows:

	Governmenta <u>Activities</u>				
Receivables:					
Property taxes	\$ 2	,063			
Intergovernmental	1	,797			
Total receivables	\$ 3	,860			

NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEMS

Pension Plan:

The Township has a defined contribution pension plan covering all full-time employees. The Township contributes a percentage of each covered employee's wages to the plan. Pension expense for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 was \$1,754.

Post Employment Benefits:

The Township provides no post employment benefits to its retirees.

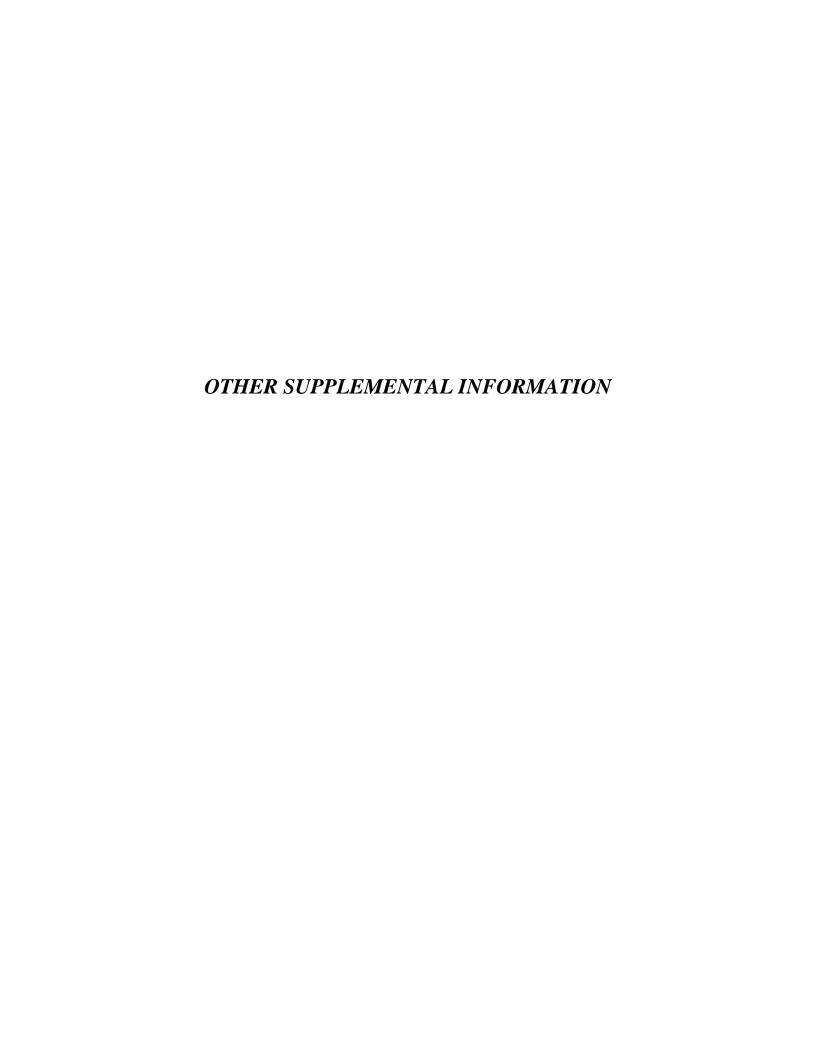
Deferred Compensation Plan:

The Township has no deferred compensation plan.



BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

	Budgeted Amounts						Ov	Actual er (Under)
	Original		Final		Actual		Final Budget	
Revenues:								
Property taxes	\$	29,332	\$	29,332	\$	32,484	\$	3,152
State grants		10,000		10,000		14,976		4,976
Contributions from other units		-		-		502		502
Interest and rents		2,000		2,000		5,764		3,764
Other revenue		3,000		3,000		1,920		(1,080)
Total revenues		44,332		44,332		55,646		11,314
Expenditures:								
Current								
General government		43,785		43,785		28,493		(15,292)
Public safety		2,650		2,650		1,272		(1,378)
Public works		120,200		120,200		96,388		(23,812)
Other		240		2,400		2,278		(122)
Capital outlay		17,500		92,500		27,592		(64,908)
Total expenditures		184,375		261,535		156,023		(105,512)
Net change in fund balance		(140,043)		(217,203)		(100,377)		116,826
Fund balance, beginning of year		281,941	-	281,941		281,941		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	141,898	\$	64,738	\$	181,564	\$	116,826



DETAILED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES

Current taxes:	
Property taxes	\$ 28,567
Administration fees	3,897
Payment in lieu of taxes	20
	32,484
State grants:	
Summer tax collection reimbursement	1,165
State revenue sharing - sales tax	10,800
Metro authority right-of-way	3,011
	14,976
Contributions from other units:	
County summer tax collection reimbursement	502
	502
Interest and rents:	
Interest	5,764
	5,764
Other revenue:	
Other	1,920
Other	
	1,920
Total revenues	\$ 55,646

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

General Government:	
Board:	Φ 1.265
Personnel Travel	\$ 1,265 87
Dues	225
Other	715
	2,292
Supervisor: Personnel	2,464
Supplies	61
Travel	194
	2,719
Clerk:	
Personnel	3,000
Supplies	108
Travel	187
Dues	10
Education Printing and publications	80 72
Timing and publications	$\frac{72}{3,457}$
Board of Review:	
Personnel	542
Travel	75
Education	238
Other	37
	892
Treasurer:	4.000
Personnel	4,000
Supplies	435 5
Telephone Travel	355
Printing and publications	990
Other	30
	5,815
Assessor:	
Personnel	4,060
Supplies	100
Contracted services	200
Telephone	5
Travel	317
Dues	275
Education	220
Printing and publications	336
	5,513

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES, CONTINUED

General Government, continued:	
Elections: Personnel	Ф 257
Travel	\$ 357 34
Education	60
Education	451
	431
Buildings and Grounds:	
Personnel	189
Supplies	248
Contracted services	3,080
Insurance	2,416
Utilities	712
Other	4
	6,649
Cemetery:	
Personnel	221
Supplies	84
Other	400
	705
Total general government	28,493
Public Safety:	
Fire:	4.000
Personnel	1,272
	1,272
Total public safety	1,272
Public Works:	
Roads:	0.5.200
Contracted services	96,388
	96,388
Total public works	96,388

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES, CONTINUED

Other:	
Retirement	\$ 1,934
Payroll taxes	344
	2,278
Total other	2,278
Capital Outlay:	
General government	25,425
Public safety	2,167
	27,592
Total capital outlay	27,592
Total expenditures	\$ 156,023

FIDUCIARY FUND

COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2006

April 1, 2005 urrent Tax Collection Fund:			<u>Additions</u>		<u>Reductions</u>		March 31, 2006	
Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$</u>	- \$	372,996	\$	372,996	\$		
Liabilities: Accounts payable Due to other governmental units	\$	- \$ 	29,690 343,306	\$	29,690 343,306		- -	
Total liabilities	\$	- \$	372,996	\$	372,996	\$		



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August 1, 2006

To The Township Board Meade Township

We have audited the financial statements of Meade Township for the year ended March 31, 2006. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of Meade Township in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through he financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances,

makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Meade Township are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by Meade Township during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Other Communications

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but no limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the organization's financial statements, dated June 19, 2006.

Summary

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

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Certified Public Accountants